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LETTER OF TRANSMISSION

To His Excellency,
CAMERON MORRISON,
Governor of North Carolina.

SIR:—I have the honor to submit herewith for your Excellency's consideration the Biennial Report of the North Carolina Historical Commission, for December 1, 1922-November 30, 1924.

Respectfully,
THOMAS M. PITTMAN,
Chairman.

RALEIGH, N. C., January, 1925.

BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission

DECEMBER 1, 1922, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1924

To Thomas M. Pittman, *Chairman,* M. C. S. Noble, Frank Wood, Heriot Clarkson, and W. N. Everett, *Commissioners.*

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the work of the North Carolina Historical Commission for the period December 1, 1922-November 30, 1924.

ORGANIZATION

During the period covered by this report there have been changes in both the Historical Commission and in the staff employed by it.

J. Bryan Grimes, Chairman of the Historical Commission, died January 11, 1923. To succeed him as commissioner, W. N. Everett was appointed by the Governor.

At a meeting of the Historical Commission, held April 17, 1924, Thomas M. Pittman was elected Chairman, W. N. Everett, Vice-chairman, and an executive committee elected, composed of Thomas M. Pittman, W. N. Everett, and M. C. S. Noble. All these appointments and elections have continued to the date of this report.

Daniel Harvey Hill, Secretary of the Historical Commission since 1921, died July 31, 1924. At a meeting of the Historical Commission held October 17, 1924, R. B. House was elected to the office of Secretary. At this same meeting D. L. Corbitt was elected to the permanent staff of the Historical Commission as Calendar Clerk.

By your direction I publish as an appendix to this report accounts of the life and services of J. Bryan Gimes and Daniel Harvey Hill.

Office Force

During the period covered by this report the following have composed the permanent staff of the office:

Secretary, D. H. Hill (to July 31, 1924); R. B. House (October 17, 1924 ——).
Legislative Reference Librarian, H. M. London.
Archivist, R. B. House (to October 17, 1924).
Collector for Hall of History, Fred A. Olds.

Restorer of Manuscripts, Mrs. J. M. Winfree.
Stenographer, Miss Marjory Terrell (through March 31, 1924); Miss Sophie D. Busbee (April 1, 1924 ——).
Calendar Clerk, D. L. Corbitt (since April 1, 1924).
Archival Clerk, Mrs. W. S. West.
Reference Clerk, Mrs. W. J. Peele.
Copyist, Miss Sophie D. Busbee (through March 31, 1924); Mrs. Marie Baumgardner (April 1, 1924 ——).
Messenger and Mailing Clerk, William Birdsall.

The following were employed for temporary special service:

Assistant Legislative Reference Librarian, R. L. McMillan (January and February, 1923; August, 1924).
Compiler of Revolutionary Roster, Moses Amis (through February 29, 1924).

DIVISION OF DOCUMENTS

CLASSIFICATION AND ARRANGEMENT OF PAPERS

The most immediate and practical work of this division is the rough classification of all papers received, the careful chronological arrangement of these papers in permanent form as time permits, and the administration of our whole collections for the daily use of students. Our collections, totaling over five hundred thousand pieces, have been thus kept available.

In addition to this work, which cannot be set forth in statistics, the following specific work has been done:

STATE ADMINISTRATION RECORDS

Two hundred and eighty-one papers were filed in the papers of the Secretary of State. Three hundred and seventeen papers were filed in the papers of the State Treasurer. Legislative Papers for the years 1790-1792 were chronologically arranged. Six volumes were arranged in the papers of the Attorney-General. Journals of the Literary Board 1826-1867, and Letterbooks of the Superintendent of Public Instruction 1868-1906, were arranged.

COUNTY RECORDS

Of wills, 2137 were alphabetically arranged in the papers of Chowan, Wayne, Tyrrell, Jones, and Rowan Counties. Material from 35 counties, totaling 203 volumes, cases and bundles, was properly arranged. This material is listed in detail under "Accessions" below.

The whole collection of county records, totaling 1177 cases and volumes, was carefully labeled, numbered serially, and indexed by a card finding-list.

Records of Public School Education

The whole collection of papers was searched for documents on education by M. C. S. Noble in preparation of a documentary history of Public School Education, and material found was copied and verified.

Old Newspapers

Approximately 300 photostat copies of North Carolina newspapers prior to 1800 were arranged.

Historical Manuscripts

920 separate items were arranged in the papers of W. A. Graham, Minis Ward, Z. B. Vance, John L. Bridgers, Nathaniel Macon, B. F. Gatling, Robert Bingham, Kenneth Raynor, Kiffin Rockwell, Walter Clark, John Branch, Hogg, James Iredell, Andrew Jackson, W. W. Holden, A. D. Murphey, R. W. Winston, and Philemon Hawkins.

Use of Records

With the growth of our collections there has been naturally a growing use of the records by students. Thousands of letters are handled in the office, either directly where time and other work permit, or by reference to researchers working professionally in their own right. Two hundred people have formally registered in the office and used the records made available. Of these 48 were either graduate students working on monographs in North Carolina history or investigators who published the results of their study here.

Repair of Manuscripts

Of manuscript, 13,582 sheets have been repaired in various ways as follows:

7782 mounted for binding.
5183 repaired with paper.
617 repaired with crepeline.

In addition to this work numerous books, maps, land grants, and other papers have been repaired for immediate use.

Binding

Thirty-four volumes were bound as follows:

Governors' papers, State Series, 1814-1835, Vols. XLII-LXXI.
Reports, Chairman County Superintendents Common Schools, 1841-1846.
Confederate Hospital Records, Vols. I-III.

Description and Calendaring of mss.

Prior to April 1, 1924, several collections totaling 6000 papers were read and described for the *Handbook of Manuscripts*. On April 1, D. L.

Corbitt began work as special Calendar Clerk on the staff. The employment of a specialist to describe, calendar, and index its collections is a goal toward which the Historical Commission has been working for years. By remarkable diligence Mr. Corbitt has checked over and made ready for the press calendars of twelve collections previously prepared. He has prepared calendars for two more, has read and described several thousand pages of manuscript. His most important work, however, has been the preparation of a handbook describing county records. It numbers eighty-one pages and describes 565 volumes of manuscript.

PUBLICATIONS

The following publications have come from the press:

Bulletin 29, Ninth Biennial Report of the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, December 1920-November 30, 1922, Paper, 39 pp.

Bulletin 30, Proceedings of the Twenty-second Annual Session of the State Literary and Historical Association of North Carolina. Compiled by R. B. House, Secretary. Paper, 101 pp.

The North Carolina Manual for 1923. Compiled and edited by R. B. House. Cloth, 508 pp.

The North Carolina Historical Review. Published quarterly. Volume I, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4. 540 pp.

THE NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL REVIEW

In January 1924 was launched *The North Carolina Historical Review* as a medium for the publication and discussion of history in North Carolina. This magazine is issued quarterly and a price of two dollars per year is charged for it. Members of the State Literary and Historical Association receive it for the special price of one dollar per year. It goes free of charge to institutions with which the Historical Commission maintains exchange relations. The magazine has at present a circulation of about one thousand copies.

THE PAPERS OF GOVERNOR BICKETT

By coöperation with the Printing Commission and the Council of State, the Historical Commission published *The Public Letters and Papers of Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina,* 1917-1921. Compiled by Santford Martin, edited by R. B. House, Cloth, 394 pp.

There are in press at this date, *The Papers of John Steele,* in two volumes, edited by H. M. Wagstaff; and Volume II of *Records of The Moravians in North Carolina.*

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

The following documentary works are being made ready for the press:

J. G. deR. Hamilton is editing the diaries of Randolph Shotwell, and he estimates that these will run into four volumes.

J. G. deR. Hamilton and R. D. W. Connor are editing a history of constitutional conventions in North Carolina.

Walker Barnette, under the supervision of the Department of History in the University of North Carolina, is editing a history of political conventions in North Carolina.

William K. Boyd is editing the records of the Lutherans in North Carolina and a series of reprints of Eighteenth Century tracts on North Carolina.

The above works will be published at the rate of two volumes a year. But chief emphasis is now being laid on getting in shape for the press the documentary volumes of "Public School Education in North Carolina," by M. C. S. Noble. Mr. Noble, in addition to years of general work on this subject, has donated to the undertaking a year's leave of absence obtained from the University of North Carolina, where he is dean of the School of Education.

This program of publication continues the policy of printing private papers, but lays special emphasis on a series of topical documentary histories now in great demand.

THE CONFEDERATE WAR HISTORY FUND AND THE WORK OF D. H. HILL

In 1916 the Historical Commission became trustees of a fund donated for the preparation of a history of North Carolina in the Civil War. This fund of $25,000 was donated by the late Robert H. Ricks of Rocky Mount to the North Carolina Confederate Veterans' Association. Two conditions attached to the gift: (1) the late Dr. D. H. Hill was to prepare a history of this state's part in the Civil War; (2) the Historical Commission was to supervise his work, pay his salary and office expenses from the fund, and supervise the publication of the completed work from such funds as might be available. Dr. Hill began his work July 1, 1916, and continued it diligently till his death in 1924. The Ricks Fund, however, was exhausted in 1922, and the Historical Commission made it possible for Dr. Hill to continue the work till 1924.

At the time of his death Dr. Hill had completed a military history of the war in Virginia from the battle of Bethel to the conclusion of the battle of Sharpsburg, several chapters on North Carolina's blockade operations, the Federal invasion of eastern North Carolina, and the state's munitions business. The whole amounts to about one thousand pages of manuscript.

The Historical Commission directed a committee composed of W. N. Everett, M. C. S. Noble, and the secretary of the Historical Commission to take steps for the publication and sale of this work, and the Historical Commission announced itself as ready to continue further work on the uncompleted history if sufficient funds could be found.

ACCESSIONS

Additions to Former Collections

From one to a dozen pieces were added to the following collections of private papers: W. A. Graham, Minis Ward, Z. B. Vance, John L. Bridgers, Nathaniel Macon, B. F. Gatling, Robert Bingham, Kenneth Raynor, Kiffin Rockwell, Walter Clark, John Branch, Hogg Papers, James Iredell, Andrew Jackson, W. W. Holden, Archibald DeBow Murphey, R. W. Winston, Philemon Hawkins.

More numerous and important additions are as follows:

Legislative Oath Book, 1784-1807, MSS. 150 pp.

Treasurer's Papers, 317 pieces.

Walter Clark Papers, 100 miscellaneous pieces.

Attorney-General's Papers, Five Letter-books, 1877-1903; One volume of opinions, 1869-1889.

W. W. Holden. From Junius Grimes was received Commission appointing Wyatt Outlaw a member of the Union League of America, signed by W. W. Holden.

Journals of Literary Board, 1826-1867; Letter-books, Superintendent of Public Instruction. These were found and brought in by M. C. S. Noble.

Records of Ports of Roanoke, Bath and Newbern

Wills (originals from Secretary of State), 1663-1700.

W. A. Graham Papers. From Major W. A. Graham were received copies of two letters from W. A. Graham to William L. Herndon, on survey of valley of the Amazon, 1851, Feb. 15. Paper relating to W. A. Graham as Legislator and Governor, undated. Twenty pieces relating to charter of North Carolina Railroad and legislative proceedings, 1848-1849. George W. Graham to "Willie," April 27, 1906.

Photostats of Old North Carolina Newspapers, from the Massachusetts Historical Society:

The North Carolina Journal
Hodge & Wills, Halifax

Year	No.	Date		Year	No.	Date	
1792	3	August	1	1792	17	November	7
	6		22		18		14
	7		29		19		21
1792	8	September	5		20		28
	10		19		21	December	5
	11		26		22		12
	12	October	3		23		19
	13		10		24		26
	14		17	1793	25	January	2
	15		24		26		9
	16		31		27		16

Year	No.	Date	Year	No.	Date
1793	28	January 23	1793	30	February 6
	29	30		31	13

Printed by Abraham Hodge

1793	32	February 20	1794	95	May 7
	33	27		96	14
	34	March 6		97	21
	35	13		98	28
	36	20		99	June 4
	37	27		100	11
	38	April 3		101	18
	39	10		102	25
	40	17		103	July 2
	42	May 1		104	9
	43	8		105	16
	44	15		106	23
	45	22		107	30
	46	29		108	August 6
	47	June 5		109	13
	48	12		110	20
	49	19		111	27
	50	26		112	September 3
	51	July 3		113	10
	52	10		114	17
	56	August 7		115	24
	57	14		116	October 1
	58	21		117	13
	59	28		118	20
	60	September 4		119	27
	61	11		120	November 3
	64	October 1		121	10
	65	9		122	17
	66	16		123	24
	67	23	1794	124	December 1
1793	68	October 30		125	8
	69	November 6		126	15
	70	13		127	22
	71	20		128	29
	72	27	1795	129	January 5
	73	December 4		130	12
	74	11		131	19
	75	18		132	26
	76	25		133	February 2
1794	77	January 1		134	9
	78	or 79, Jan. 8		135	16
	or 15—pp. 2 and 3			136	23
	80	January 22		137	March 2
	81	29		138	9
	82	February 5		139	16
	83	12		140	23
	84	19		141	30
	85	26		142	April 6
	86	March 5		143	13
	87	12		144	20
	88	19		145	27
	89	26		146	May 4
	90	April 2		147	11
	91	9		148	18
	92	16		149	25
	93	23		150	June 1
	94	30		151	8

YEAR	No.	DATE	
1795	152	June	15
	153		22
	154		29
	155	July	6
	156		13
	157		20
	158		27
	159	August	3
	160		10
	161		17
	162		24
	163		31
	164	September	7
	165		14
	166		21
with 2 pp. supplement			
	167		28
	168	October	5
with 2 pp. supplement			
	169		12
	170		19
	171		26
	172	November	2
	173		9
	174		16
	175		23
	176		30
	177	December	7
	178		14
	179		21
	180		28
1796	181	January	11
	189	February	29
		April	4
		Extra, 2 pp.	
	199	May	9
	204	June	13
	207	July	4
	208		11
	219	September	26
	230	December	12
	231		19
	232		26
1797	233	January	2
	234		9
	235		16
	236		23
	237		30
	238	February	6
	239		13
	240		20
	241		27
	242	March	6
	243		13
	244		20
	245		27
	247	April	10
	248		17
	249		24
	250	May	1

YEAR	No.	DATE	
1797	251	May	8
	252		15
	253		22
	254		29
	255	June	5
	256		12
	257		19
	258		26
	259	July	2
	260		10
	261		17
	262		24
	263		31
	264	August	7
	265		14
	266		21
	267		28
	268	September	4
	269		11
	270		18
	271		25
	272	October	2
	273		9
	274		16
	275		23
	276		30
	277	November	6
	278		13
	279		20
	281	December	4
	282		11
	283		18
	284		25
1798	285	January	1
	286		8
	287		15
	289		29
	290	February	5
	291		12
	292		19
	293		26
	294	March	5
	295		12
	296		19
	297		26
	298	April	2
	299		9
	302		30
	303	May	7
with extra, 4 pp.			
	304		14
extra only, 4 pp.			
	305		21
	306		28
	307	June	4
with extra, 4 pp.			
	309		18
with 4 pp. extra			
	310		25

Year	No.	Date	Year	No.	Date
1798	311	July 2	1799	338	January 7
	312	9		339	14
	with 4 pp. extra			340	21
	314	23		341	28
	316	August 6		342	February 4
	317	13		343	11
	318	20		344	18
	319	27		with 4 pp. extra	
	320	September 3		345	25
	321	10		346	March 4
	322	17		with 4 pp. extra	
	323	24		347	11
	324	October 1		349	25
	325	8		350	April 1
	326	15		352	15
	327	22		with 4 pp. extra	
	328	29		353	22
	329	November 5		with 4 pp. extra	
	330	12		355	May 6
	331	19		with 4 pp. extra	
	332	26		356	13
	333	December 3		with 4 pp. extra	
	335	17		357	20
	336	24	1800	408	May 12
	337	31			2 pp.
			1802	530	September 13

The following newspapers were found by D. L. Corbitt of the Historical Commission staff. These newspapers are mutilated and in some instances can scarcely be read, due to the fact that they had been pasted together and formed the backs to Court Records of Tyrrell County. It was in this service of over 100 years that they became so badly worn.

The importance of these newspapers lies in the fact that all North Carolina histories give the date of the earliest publication of a newspaper in the State as 1755. However, R. D. W. Connor in 1920 unearthed a copy of the *North Carolina Gazette* published in 1753. But the finding of these papers sets the date back two more years, and it is known that North Carolina did have a newspaper as early as 1751. The earliest copy of the *North Carolina Gazette* now known to be in existence is dated November 15, 1751, and is number 15, which makes the probable date of the first issue sometime in July 1751.

These papers have been unpasted, washed, pressed smooth, and covered with crepeline, and are ready for use. They are:

THE NORTH CAROLINA GAZETTE
James Davis, Newbern

YEAR	NO.	DATE		REMARKS
1751	15	November	15	The original is crepelined.
1752		March	6	The original is crepelined, mutilated.
1752	32	March	13	The original is crepelined, mutilated.
1752				The original is crepelined, mutilated, pp. 1 and 2.
1768	—	———	21	The original is crepelined, mutilated, pp. 1 and 2.

MARTIN'S NORTH CAROLINA GAZETTE
F. X. Martin, Newbern

1793				The original is crepelined, mutilated.

THE STATE GAZETTE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Hodge & Wills, Edenton

1792	337	June	29	The original is crepelined.

THE POST-ANGEL, OR UNIVERSAL ENTERTAINMENT
Printed for Robert Archibald by Joseph Beasley, Edenton

Vol. I

1801	28	April	9	4 pp. mutilated

VIRGINIA GAZETTE
By William Hunter, Williamsburg

1752	Mutilated

THE NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL
By Abraham Hodge, Halifax

1800	430	October	13	Mutilated, pp. 1 and 2.

MAPS.—The following maps were received:

Photostat of a new Map of Carolina, by Robert Morden, 1687.
Photostat of a map of the bundary line between North Carolina and Virginia, October, 1726.
Lands granted by George II to Earl of Granville, March and April, 1746.

CONFEDERATE RECORDS.—The following Confederate records have been received.

A Reminiscence of 1863, pamphlet, 8 pp. From Robert Bingham.
Confederate War Diary of Captain H. H. Chambers.
Three Hospital Record Books, 1863-1864, MSS. 350 pp. From Mrs. J. S. Wellborn.

The Currency of the Confederate States, one volume of currency mounted and described. From Mrs. Helen Chaffer Howard.
Confederate Naval Records, Cir. 200. From W. H. McElroy.
Special Orders Confederate States Military Prison at Salisbury, N. C. Copy of original book in MSS. From W. M. Saunders.
Reminiscence of Confederate Days; State of North Carolina in account with F. H. Fries, MSS. From John W. Fries.
Complete Roster of Men and Boys who enlisted from Nash County, MSS. Cir. 150 pp. From Mrs. Tempe W. Holt.
List of North Carolina Men in Winchester (Va.) Cemetery, MSS. 20 pp. Acquired by purchase.

Revolutionary Records.—The following Revolutionary records have been received:

"A Brief Memorandum of John Walker," etc., MSS. 8 pp. From Miss Hannah Patterson Bolles.
A General Return of the Third N. C. Regiment, August 16, 1779.
Revolutionary Land Warrants, indexed.
Muster Roll, 1777-1779, MSS. 20 pp. By purchase from Anderson Galleries.

Secretary of State's Papers.—The following papers from the office of the Secretary of State have been received:

Boundary of North and South Carolina. Reports of Commissioners, 1805-1815, 1 Vol. MSS.
Cherokee Lands—Surveyors' and Commissioners' Report, 1824. MSS. 1 Vol.
311 miscellaneous pieces.

World War Records.—The following World War records have been received:

War Diary of the 120th Infantry, 1918-1919, 1,000 pieces.
Officers and Enlisted Personnel Headquarters Company, 324th Infantry, pamphlet, 32 pp. From A. D. Cashion.
Monroe Canteen Register, containing autographs of Marshal Foch, Woodrow Wilson, General Pershing. From Mrs. A. L. Monroe.
Photograph of the 318th Field Artillery Regiment. From J. F. Roach.
History of the Wake Forest Chapter Red Cross, 1918-1920, MSS. 6 pp. From Mrs. J. M. Brewer.
Letters of Arthur Bluethenthal, 10 pieces. From L. Bluethenthal.
Sergeant Halyburton, the First American Soldier Captured in the World War. By Charles W. Hyams, Dixie Publishing Company, Moravian Falls, N. C. 1923, paper, 79 pp.
Halifax County records, 300 pieces. From Mrs. E. L. Whitehead.
One hundred pieces relating to Council of Defense. From D. H. Hill.
Sketch of Kiffin Yates Rockwell, aviator in Escadrille Lafayette.
Society of the First Division: History of the First Division During the World War, 1917-1919. Philadelphia: Winston, 1922, 450 pp. By purchase.
Bach and Hall: The Fourth Division. Its Services and Achievements in the World War, 1920. Issued by the Division Association. One volume, 369 pp. with maps and illustrations. By purchase.

Huidekoper: The History of the 33d Division. Illinois State Historical Library. Four volumes.

Starlight: Political Record of the 27th Division. New York: Harpers, 1919, 250 pp.

George and Cooper: Pictorial History of the Twenty-sixth Division. Boston: Ball, 320 pp.

COUNTY RECORDS

Fred A. Olds, Collector for the Hall of History, has brought in for the period covered by this report the following county papers:

COUNTY MATERIAL.—The collection of county material for the archives department began in 1917, and has been diligently prosecuted ever since. The growth of this section of the archives department has been remarkable. In many cases the bound books and loose documents were found in very bad condition. This work is now nearly completed, and 1925 will no doubt see its finish. During the two years ending December 1, 1924, there were brought in the following county records from 34 counties:

CHATHAM. Original will books, 1793-94; 1794-98; 1798-1818; 1817-57. Inventories of estates, 1801-12; 1809-12; 1809-22. County Court minutes, 1774-79; 1780-85; 1790-94; 1794-99; 1811-16; 1816-22; 1822-27; 1828-33; 1834-41; 1842-49; 1849-58; 1860-61. Court of Equity minutes, 1821-39.

EDGECOMBE. County Court minutes, 1757-64; 1764-72; 1772-76; 1778-84; 1784-90; 1790-92; 1792-94; 1795-97; 1797-1800; 1800-04; 1804-07; 1807-11; 1811-13; 1813-16; 1816-19; 1819-20; 1820-26; 1826-31; 1831-40; 1840-44; 1844-48; 1848-52; 1853-57; 1857-63; 1863-68. Inventories of estates, 1783-88; 1788-90; 1790-92; 1798-1800. Crown docket, 1755-62. Register of marks and brands of cattle, 1732-1809. Execution docket, 1769-71.

FRANKLIN. Marriage bonds (additional). Original wills prior to 1800. Inventories of estates prior to 1800. Lists of taxable property prior to 1800.

NASH. County Court minutes, October, 1778; 1779-85; 1787-88; 1791-93; 1798-1804; 1804-07; 1807-15; 1815-21; 1824; 1825; 1826-28; 1828-31; 1837-43; 1844-51; 1851-64; 1864-68.

JACKSON. County Court minutes, 1853-68. Marriage record book, 1853-74.

WILKES. County Court minutes, 1778-85.

POLK. Marriage bonds. County Court minutes, 1847-48 and 1866-68.

ASHE. County Court minutes. Marriage bonds. Record book, wardens of the poor, 1832-55.

TRANSYLVANIA. County school records.

RICHMOND. County Court minutes, 1779-86; 1786-92; 1800-04; 1804-08; 1809-19; 1830-38; 1838-43; 1843-47; 1847-50; 1866-68. Marriage bonds.

CARTERET. Original wills to 1800.

ONSLOW. Original wills to 1800.

Chowan. Original wills, 1723-1799. Marriage bonds, 1740-1868. Inventories of estates, 1777. Lists of taxable persons, 1766-67; 1798. County Court minutes, 1725; 1727-28; 1730; 1732-34; 1736; 1739-45; 1747; 1749; 1752-59; 1780; 1787; 1788-91; 1791-98; 1795. Deed books, 1699-1800. Records of Port Roanoke.

Perquimans. Original wills (additional), 1751-1800. Court documents of Bath, New Bern and Newton (the first name of Wilmington). Inventories of estates. Lists of taxable persons; slave sales and miscellaneous court papers. Land patents of Chowan, Perquimans, Edgecombe and Craven. Assize docket, 1742, at Bath, for Beaufort and Hyde. Assize docket, 1742, at Wilmington for New Hanover, Onslow and Bladen. Court dockets, 1745-46, for Edgecombe and Northampton. Original act of 1746, making New Bern the seat of government.

Robeson. Original wills to 1803.

Warren. Original wills to 1800.

Orange. Grant book, 1784-95. Original wills, 1757-1800. Register of negro cohabitation, 1865-68.

Tyrrell. Original wills to 1800. County Court minutes, 1758. Deed books, 1750-55; 1756-57; 1792-94; 1816-19. Land entry books, 1778-80; 1779-81; 1783-91; 1792-96.

Pasquotank. Original wills to 1800. Settlements of estates, 1777-98. Deed books, 1700-47; 1755-59; 1759-62; 1764-66; 1778-85.

Beaufort. Deed book, 1784-1806.

Martin. County Court minutes, 1847. Equity Court minutes, 1809-29. Deed book, 1774-87.

Currituck. County Court minutes, 1851-68.

Halifax. Original deed book, 1796-1802.

Gates. Original wills to 1800. Marriage records, 1851-66. Public school records, 1841-61.

Northampton. Original wills to 1800.

Cumberland. County Court minutes, 1755-59; 1759-65; 1772-76; 1777-78; 1778-83.

Mitchell. County Court minutes, 1861-68.

Cabarrus. County Court minutes, 1793-97.

Rowan. Docket of Supreme (Superior) Court, Rowan, Orange and Bladen, 1756-70. Original wills, 1753-1820.

Stokes. County Court minutes, 1790-93; 1793-95; 1795-98; 1798-1800. Lists of taxable persons, 1790-93; 1793-95; 1795-98; 1798-1800. Lists of taxable persons, 1790-1800; 1801-06. Inventories of estates, 1790-1800. Public road records, 1806-21.

Yadkin. County Court minutes, 1851-58; 1858-68. Marriage bonds, 1851-68.

Caswell. Original wills to 1800. County Court minutes, 1777-81; 1788-91; 1788-94; 1792; 1797; 1798; 1794; 1801; 1803-06; 1809-13; 1814-19; 1819-23; 1835-39; 1839-43; 1843-44. Land entries, 1781-84; 1788-1858. Road book, 1822.

Bladen. Deed books (originals), 1734-35; 1792-1804. County Court minutes, 1866-67.

Jones. County Court minutes, 1807-16; 1808-10; 1808-25; 1833-41; 1841-51; 1851-60; 1860-68. Original wills, 1778-1807.

Surry. Miscellaneous court papers.

NEW COLLECTIONS

AUTOGRAPHS.—From C. Alphonso Smith the Historical Commission received the following autographs: A. L. S. Theodore Roosevelt, December 20, 1916; A. L. S., W. S. Porter (O. Henry), February 24, 1908.

THE B. F. STEVENS FACSIMILES OF MANUSCRIPTS IN EUROPEAN ARCHIVES RELATING TO AMERICA, 1773-1783. Twenty-four cases MSS. (2,107 pp.) One case of index. This is a famous transcript of older records relating to America. It contains some North Carolina material.

CIVIL WAR NEWSPAPERS.—From J. K. Little were received the following newspapers: New York *Herald,* 1861-1865 (incomplete set); Boston *Liberator,* 1860, 1863.

SOUTHERLAND, HILL, AND TURNER GENEALOGY.—This is a manuscript of 24 pages presented by E. R. Voorhees.

POLITICAL HISTORY OF THE CONFEDERACY.—Manuscript of W. A. Montgomery. From the family of the late Judge Walter A. Montgomery was received this work of several hundred pages of manuscript. It contains valuable material, the result of several years of research.

WALKER PAPERS.—1700-1901 (62 pieces). This collection was given to the Commission by the Walker and related families of Wilmington.

CAREY'S GENERAL ATLAS, 1814.—This atlas contains a valuable map of North Carolina.

ROBERT F. HOKE PAPERS.—From Van Wyck Hoke were received fifteen letters of his father, General R. F. Hoke.

AMERICAN LOYALISTS' PAPERS.—In the summer of 1922, R. D. W. Connor, as special agent for the Historical Commission, searched for North Carolina material in the British Public Records Office and the British Museum, and reported his findings to the Historical Commission. His list of documents bearing on North Carolina that ought to be copied covers over sixty typewritten pages. But Mr. Connor specially recommended that certain papers relating to American Loyalists in the Audit Office Papers be copied at once because they were rapidly deteriorating. The Historical Commission accordingly arranged with B. F. Stevens and Brown of London to begin copying these papers at once. This work is still in progress and to date several hundred sheets of transcript have been delivered.

HISTORICAL MARKERS

Some years ago the Historical Commission erected a marker at the grave of Nathaniel Macon. In May 1923, the people of this community dedicated Macon's grave and a large plot of ground around it as a park.

On June 7, 1923, the Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution at New Bern, unveiled on the court house square three handsome bronze tablets to Abner Nash (1780-1781),

Richard Dobbs Spaight (1792-1795), and Richard Dobbs Spaight, Jr., (1835-1836), the three Governors of the State furnished by Craven County. The Historical Commission contributed toward these tablets and took part in the unveiling exercises.

In May, 1924, the Raleigh Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution unveiled a marker on the old Ramsgate Road. This tablet was erected in coöperation with the Historical Commission.

PORTRAIT OF J. BRYAN GRIMES

As a gift from the Grimes family, the Historical Commission has received an oil portrait of John Bryan Grimes, 1866-1923; Secretary of State of North Carolina, 1900-1923; member of the Historical Commission almost from its beginning in 1903, and Chairman of the Commission at the time of his death. The portrait is by Louis Freeman of Washington, D. C. It was presented to the Historical Commission December 6, 1923, in appropriate exercises in connection with the twenty-third annual session of the State Literary and Historical Association. The address of presentation was made by J. Y. Joyner, that of acceptance by W. N. Everett. The portrait now hangs in the eastern Hall of History.

PORTRAIT OF WALTER HINES PAGE

As a gift to the State of North Carolina from the State Literary and Historical Association, the Historical Commission received as custodian an oil portrait of Walter Hines Page, late Ambassador to the Court of St. James. The portrait is by the artist, Philip A. de Lazlo, and is a copy of the original by de Lazlo that now hangs in the American Embassy in London. The address of presentation was made by Frederic M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem; that of acceptance by Governor Cameron Morrison. The portrait now hangs in the eastern Hall of History.

HALL OF HISTORY

I have called your attention to the splendid work of Fred A. Olds in bringing in material from the counties. I now call your attention to his report as Collector for the Hall of History. He has lectured to 177 groups of school children from all sections of the State, and shown them objects of interest not only in the museum, but in the city of Raleigh. In addition he has shown uniform courtesy and consideration to several thousands of visitors, particularly during the time of the State Fair. His report follows:

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR FOR THE HALL OF HISTORY

RALEIGH, N. C., November 30, 1924.

MR. R. B. HOUSE, *Secretary:*

I take pleasure in reporting as follows:

During the two years now ending, 177 schools or classes in schools, from places other than Raleigh, came here and were shown the Hall of History, the total number of teachers and pupils being over 5,300, these coming from 33 counties, some as far east as Chowan, and some as far west as Leaksville.

All the counties were visited in the two-year period, and talks on history were made to schools of all sorts, as well as talks on other subjects to Sunday schools and church congregations, the schools thus visited numbering 392. Aid was given in teaching history in the summer schools at Cullowhee and Boone (the Appalachian) a week at each place.

Two hundred special articles were prepared and published, including the histories of all the one hundred counties. The laws from 1790 to date were carefully abstracted and published. The wills from 1760 to 1800 were abstracted and are in type, ready to appear in January or February, 1925.[1]

The collections during the two-year period have been both numerous and varied, and covered some new fields. Among these was a photograph of the only known portrait of General William Lee Davidson. This is placed in the notable collection of pictures of persons for whom our counties are named—the only collection of the sort possessed by any State. Engravings of the Duke of Albemarle, the Earl of Clarendon and the Earl of Bath are other additions, as are also rare lithographs in color of General Andrew Jackson, and William A. Graham as a candidate for Vice-President of the United States.

Among the long list of notable gifts and loans are the following: An extremely rare and most interesting map of what is now North Carolina, made in 1687, by Robert Morden, London. The original record books of Port Roanoke (Edenton) and of Port Brunswick (old Brunswick town, now extinct) were gifts, the latter by Dr. James Sprunt. Earrings of Miss Anna Wake, sister-in-law of Governor William Tryon, and of Mrs. John Baptista Ashe, who was Miss Montford of Halifax. Sir Walter Raleigh's History of the World, first edition, 1634, London, a gift from Mr. Eric Norden of Wilmington. Earrings of Martha Lenoir (12 years old in 1780) made by a blacksmith and lent by her great grandson, Mr. Gordon Hackett of North Wilkesboro. The music (Swiss) which led to the writing to North Carolina's song, "The Old North State Forever." The certificate of honor for 75 years of service as a school teacher, presented by Governor Morrison and State Superintendent Eugene C. Brooks to Captain George L. Cathey of Macon County, soon after his 101st birthday. Thirty-one pen-and-ink sketches of notable buildings in Raleigh and Wake County, made by Mrs. J. R. Chamberlain and presented by the D. A. R. Oil portraits of Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador to Great Britain; of J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, and of James I. Metts, of Wilmington, commanding the North Carolina Confederate Veterans, are gifts of note.

Nine oil paintings and eighteen other pictures, illustrating the 30th Division of the American Expeditionary Forces in France and Belgium, painted on the spot, by Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon S. Hutchins of Argyle and Southerland Highlanders, who aided in training that division and then served with it, forms an invaluable part of the World War collection.

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[1]All this is being done privately by Colonel Olds.

Particularly attractive wearing apparel of the period 1800-1861; Philips-Battle furniture of Chapel Hill, 1847; a "beaver" hat, 1800; dresses of Mrs. W. H. C. Whiting, Wilmington, 1861.

Photographs of "Big Bertha," the long-range German cannon, which fired on Paris from a point 75 miles distant, and of the first airplane flight by the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk, N. C., December 17, 1903; also of the new U. S. cruiser *Raleigh*, 1924.

The sword of Col. Paul F. Faison, 56th Regiment of N. C. State Troops, C. S. A.; State flag of the 38th Regiment N. C. State Troops, Col. William J. Hoke, commanding.

The decoration of the order of the "Tower and the Sword," conferred by the Republic of Portugal on the colors of the 120th Infantry (borne by that regiment as part of the National Guard) and so placed by Gen. A. J. Bowley.

Photographs of the dedication of the memorial at the grave of Nathaniel Macon, in Warren County; that at the grave of Gen. W. D. Pender, C. S. A., in the Tarboro Episcopal churchyard, and that at Bath to commemorate its 219th anniversary.

The city of Cambridge, Massachusetts, made a gift of a section of the "Washington Elm," under which George Washington took the oath as commander-in-chief of the American Army, July 5, 1775.

A proclamation of the war with Spain, by King George 1st, posted on the courthouse of Perquimans County. A splendid set of medals awarded by France to be placed on the uniform coat of Kiffin Rockwell, of the Escadrille Lafayette. Engraving of the Battle of Southwest Creek near Kinston, March 8, 1865. The original act making New Bern the capitol of the Province of North Carolina.

The original lists of Colonial magistrates, 1763-1769; the military land warrants to North Carolina soldiers of the Continental Line of the Revolution; the original wills and the inventories of estates filed with the State, 1663-1760, were all collected, as were court documents of Bath, New Bern, and Newton (the first name of Wilmington); the letters and documents of James Glasgow, Secretary of State; very important letters to and from James Iredell, Sr., of Edenton; and a letter by Iredell and other Judges, 1792, to the President of the United States.

Complete sets of photographs illustrating the Cherokee Indians of North Carolina, who became citizens by act of Congress, June, 1924; the Stonewall Jackson Training School and of various other institutions of the State, courthouses, public highways, schools, etc.

The manuscript roster of the North Carolina troops of the Continental Line, War of the Revolution.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred A. Olds.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY

Below will be found the report of the Legislative Reference Librarian. During the period covered by this report the Legislative Reference Library has moved into new quarters made available by the Library Commission's having vacated rooms belonging to the Historical Commission but loaned to the Library Commission until new quarters for it in the Agricultural Building were available. The Legislative Librarian has issued five bulletins and has drafted six hundred and fifty bills for members of the General Assembly.

The report follows:

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

RALEIGH, N. C., December 1, 1924.

MR. R. B. HOUSE, *Secretary*,
North Carolina Historical Commission,
Raleigh, N. C.

DEAR SIR: I beg to submit herewith a report of the work of the Legislative Reference Library from December 1, 1922, to November 30, 1924:

During the past two years the following publications have been prepared and distributed among the various libraries and interested citizens and organizations throughout the State:

1. A booklet of 31 pages giving the official vote by counties for members of the Corporation Commission, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Superior Courts, Congressmen, Solicitors, and Constitutional Amendments. A similar booklet covering the 1924 election is now in the hands of the printers.

2. In January, 1923, a Directory of State and County Officials, containing 71 pages, was issued and a second edition was printed due to the increased demand for this useful booklet.

3. Bulletin No. 3, 43 pages, containing amendments to the Consolidated Statutes enacted at the regular session, 1923.

4. A synopsis of the game laws of the various counties, containing 35 pages, was published in the summer of 1923. This booklet was distributed among the county officials and a copy sent to every newspaper in the State, so that the public might be advised as to the more recent changes in the local game laws.

Following the extra session in 1924, another synopsis was compiled and issued, bringing the game laws up to date in the one hundred counties in the State.

5. In the summer of 1923 a Court Calendar, covering the biennium ending June 30, 1925, was compiled and published. This, being the only calendar of the kind published, was especially helpful to court officials and others interested in keeping up with the courts.

During the fall of 1924 the public was advised as to the nature of the proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at the November election.

Soon after the election in November, 1924, a list of the members-elect of the next General Assembly was compiled and published, and the following letter mailed to each member:

I am enclosing a list of the members of the incoming Legislature. If either your name or address is not correctly given, kindly advise and correction will be made in all future publications. During the session of the Legislature the office of the Legislative Reference Librarian, on the second floor of the Supreme Court Building, will be prepared to draft any bills desired and to look up any laws of this or other States on subjects desired. I trust you will call by soon after your arrival in January and let us be of service to you in any way possible.

During the regular session of 1923 over 500 bills were drafted for Legislators, and during the Extra Session of 1924, 170 bills were similarly prepared in the Legislative Reference Library.

Many requests have been made by members-elect of the incoming General Assembly for information on probable legislation, and the same is being given prompt attention.

At the request of the incoming Governor, there is being compiled available data from the various counties as to whether the present court system is adequate, economical, and expeditious.

In April, 1923, the Reference Librarian attended the meeting of the American Library Association in Hot Springs, Arkansas, conferring with those in charge of work similar to that in the Legislative Reference Library. He has also attended meetings of the State Library Association.

During the past two years it may be safely said that the Legislative Reference Library has been of increased service to legislators, officials and the public generally. Year by year the services afforded are increasing in value and helpfulness.

Respectfully yours,
H. M. London,
Legislative Reference Librarian.

SUMMARY

The various and numerous services rendered the public by the Historical Commission staff cannot be adequately summarized. But the following analysis of the foregoing report will show the main features of the work for the past two years.

1. A collection of over 500,000 documents was kept available to the public. Several thousand inquiries were answered by letter. Two hundred students were served in the Historical Commission's rooms.

2. 3,655 separate pieces were properly filed in various collections. 220 volumes were properly labeled, filed, and catalogued. The County Records collection of 1177 cases and volumes was re-labeled, arranged, and catalogued by cards.

3. The whole collections were searched for documents bearing on education, and the documents selected were copied and verified.

4. 13,582 pieces of manuscript were scientifically repaired and mounted.

5. 34 volumes were bound.

6. 3 collections, a total of 570 volumes were calendered or described.

7. 5 publications were issued.

8. 8 publications are under way.

9. *The North Carolina Historical Review* was founded.

10. 34 collections were added to.

11. 9 new collections were secured and arranged.

12. Work was begun on a new series of the Colonial Records of North Carolina.

13. 4 historical markers were erected.

14. Material was furnished for use in 48 monographs or serious studies on North Carolina history.

15. 177 classes of school children, a total of 5,300 pupils, visited the Hall of History and received lectures on North Carolina.

16. Numerous objects of value and interest were added to the Hall of History.

17. In addition to lecturing in all parts of the State, the Collector for the Hall of History wrote 200 articles and abstracted thousands of records otherwise inaccessible.

18. 5 publications were issued by the legislative Reference Library, and 670 bills were drafted.

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. HOUSE,
Secretary.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 1, 1924.

APPENDIX

(By direction of the Historical Commission the following remarks of James Y. Joyner on J. Bryan Grimes, and the sketch of D. H. Hill are printed:)

JOHN BRYAN GRIMES

Born June, 1868, in Raleigh, reared at Grimesland, Pitt County, educated at several of the leading private academies of the State and at the University of North Carolina, son of one of the most distinguished Generals of the Confederacy, descended on his mother's side from one of the most intellectual and distinguished families of the State, elected in 1900 Secretary of State of North Carolina, filling this high office with rare efficiency, acceptability and popularity until his death. Chairman of the State Historical Commission, Trustee of the University of North Carolina, member of its Executive Committee, active and influential member of various farmers' organizations, the Grange, the Alliance, the Farmers Union, the cotton and tobacco coöperative marketing associations, in the latter of which he was a director, member of the following fraternal organizations: Masons, Knights of Phythias, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Sons of the Revolution. Died January 11, 1923.

Such is the brief statement of the principal incidents in the outward life of J. Bryan Grimes. It is indicative of the wide range of his interest and activites in the civic, agricultural and political life of his State. It is the character of a man that creates his life history. He lived as he did because he was what he was. I have chosen, therefore, to devote most of the brief time allotted for the presentation of his portrait to a sympathetic contemplation of his character. With us, his friends, gathered here to honor his memory and mourn his loss, it is the memory of what he was that lives and lasts to dull the edge of our sorrow at his untimely taking off in the prime of vigorous middle age, in the midst of a useful life that affords a measure of compensation for the loss of communion with him in the flesh till in the fulfillment of our Father's promise, we shall meet and know him again where parting is no more. It is the memory of what he was to us who were privileged to call him father, husband, brother, friend, and who loved him for what he was, that shall shine like a star upon our pathway to guide, inspire and comfort through the long or may be short night of our earthly separation.

He was a patriot, loving his State and his people with a passionate love that ever moved him to tireless and unselfish service of them. I have known few men in my day who loved his State as well and none who loved her more—none who found more genuine joy in her service.

He was proud of her history and jealous of her honor, quick and eager to defend both. To him North Carolina was a sort of personified mother whom he loved with a tenderness and a loyalty akin to that which a true son cherishes for his mother in the flesh. He was a zealous student of North Carolina history and a recognized authority on it. Few men of his or former generations have acquired such an accurate and comprehensive knowledge of it. He had accumulated a large and valuable collection of books and pamphlets pertaining to its history—probably one of the largest and most valuable private collections in the State. It was a joy to travel with him through the historical sections of the State and listen to his interesting stories of men and places. He was largely responsible for the establishment of the State Historical Commission and as its chairman for many years was deeply interested and very influential in directing and planning its splendid activities and in securing appropriations for its work. This was a labor of love with him and an expression of love of his State. He gave freely of his time and thought to it.

For twenty-two years he served as Secretary of State. As a public officer he was wonderfully efficient and was the incarnation of courtesy and accommodation. The moment one, even a stranger, stepped into his office and into his presence, he unconsciously felt that he was in an atmosphere of efficiency and courtesy. He reorganized, greatly expanded, and systematized almost perfectly the work of his office. He possessed the highest and rarest sort of executive ability—the sort that gets things done promptly and efficiently without noise, confusion or friction. He was painstaking and thorough in all his work. He had the gift of securing team work, of getting the best out of his employees by his own example and high ideals of public service, by his kindly consideration, sympathetic interest and appreciative encouragement, by inspiring in them a pride in their work, a love of it, and a sense of loyalty to him and it. The constantly increasing work of his great office was so well planned and executed that it moved like clock-work.

He was a man of strong convictions, firm and tenacious of them, but never dogmatic or intolerant in the assertion of them. He was a man of rare physical, intellectual and moral courage. He had an eye and a soul that quailed not before power, position, wealth, or danger. He was wise in counsel and his associates in public and private life sought his advice and respected and relied upon it. He was equally wise in taking counsel. He never obtruded his views or advice upon others. He welcomed and often sought the views and advice of friends. He was careful and chary in the choice of his intimate friends. He never wore his heart on his sleeve. Like most strong choice spirits, he was reserved. He opened his heart and his mind to his intimate friends, trusted them implicitly and was implicitly trusted by them. He grappled them to him with hooks of steel and loved and served them with a loyalty that won and held their love and loyalty.

Confederate veterans, comrades of his soldier-father, whose memory he revered, were the constant objects of his loving consideration. He lost no opportunity to aid with pen and purse, with influence and personal work every effort and plan to lighten the load and brighten the pathway of these old heroes.

He was a rare and fine combination of aristocrat and democrat. With a just pride in his honorable ancestry, reaching in an unbroken line to the English nobility of the "Middle Ages" and including many of the distinguished and dominant men in war and peace in every period of his State's history, he never paraded it, rarely alluded to it, and was without semblance or suggestion of vanity or snobbery on account of it. He possessed many of the virtues and few, if any, of the faults of the aristocrat and cavalier. In the finest sense he was broadly democratic in feeling and sympathy and in the ordering of his life, public and private. In prince and peasant he saw the man, and the humblest and the highest received like consideration at his hands.

A more loyal friend, I have not known; a more devoted husband, father, son, brother. He was my friend, faithful and true. He is gone! But the memory of that friendship remains. I would not exchange it for all the gold of "Ophir or all the wealth of India."

It is well, it is fitting, that the portrait of J. Bryan Grimes should be first to be hung in the Hall of History by the request of the Historical Commission, of which he was the able chairman for so many years, for the establishment of which he was largely responsible, and in the work of which he was so actively and deeply interested. No son of North Carolina has loved her history more, made more valuable contributions to its preservation, or been more active and successful in securing just recognition and appreciation of it at home and abroad. Measured by the highest standards of personal worth, private citizenship, and public service, J. Bryan Grimes was the peer of any man of our generation, and we honor ourselves in assigning him a place in North Carolina's "Hall of Fame" by placing his portrait in this Hall of History.

Mr. Chairman, on behalf of his family I have the honor and the pleasure to present to your Commission in compliance with its request this portrait of J. Bryan Grimes.

May succeeding generations of the North Carolina youth passing by his portrait hanging here pause to pay a reverent tribute to one who loved his State and served her well, be stimulated to study his life and work, to emulate his virtues, and to imitate his example.

DANIEL HARVEY HILL

On July 31, 1924, the Secretary of the Historical Commission, Daniel Harvey Hill, died. He was the son of Lieutenant-General Daniel Harvey Hill (Confederate States Army) and Isabella (Morrison) Hill, was born January 15, 1859, at Davidson College, N. C., and educated at that institution. From 1880 to 1908, he was a teacher of English, first at Georgia Military and Agricultural College till 1907, and second at North Carolina College of Agriculture and Engineering till 1908. From 1908 till 1916 he was president of this latter institution. But in July, 1916 he resigned from the presidency of this institution to accede to the request of the State Confederate Veterans Association to write, on the Ricks Foundation, a history of North Carolina in the Civil War. He continued on this occupation till his death. His completed work comprises a military history of the war in Virginia from Bethel to Sharpsburg, with supplementary chapters on the invasion of eastern North Carolina, and the blockade and munitions business of North Carolina. In addition to this work he wrote: *General Greene's Retreat,* Raleigh: 1901; *Agriculture for Beginners,* Boston: 1903; *Hill Readers,* Boston: 1907; *Young People's History of North Carolina,* Charlotte: 1907; *Corn Book,* Boston: 1920; and also numerous essays and studies in North Carolina history. He was a member of the North Carolina Historical Commission, 1904-1921, Secretary of the Historical Commission, 1921 till his death, Chairman of the State Council of Defense during the World War, President of the North Carolina Teachers Assembly, 1910, of the North Carolina Folk Lore Society, 1920, of the State Literary and Historical Association, 1921.